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Overview of your job:

I work for the National Park Service - Southwest Alaska Network (SWAN) Inventory and Monitoring Program. The National Park units are divided into 32 networks nationwide. SWAN comprises Katmai NPP, Alagnak Wild River, Aniakchak NPP, Kenai Fjords NP and Lake Clark NPP. I act as a park-based liaison for, and an assistant to SWAN project leaders and data managers, and assist in data collection, analysis and management, provide logistical support, and prepare information for park staff and the public. My area of expertise is in aquatic resources.

Educational Background or Degree:

B.A. Biology/Environmental Science (Humboldt State University);
M.S. Watershed Management (University of Washington).
B.S. Secondary Education (Chadron State University) Endorsements in Biology and Natural Sciences

High school course work you would recommend to students:

Science, math, computers (data analysis, web design, etc), English composition, grammar

Is there a person or event that influenced you in choosing this career?

My passion for the outdoors guided me into science. I love spending time outdoors and learning about the natural world. I had some excellent teachers in high school and college, who provided inspiration.

Are there positive or negative things that have shaped your personal and/or career choices?

Positives – I have lived all over the country and have seen some incredible places and worked with some great people along the way. In addition to working in a science profession, I enjoy moving to new places and learning about different areas.

Do you have any advice for students?

Be brave! Challenge yourself everyday. Set goals and find mentors to help you achieve your goals. Develop interests and network with people.

May students contact you after the conference? Yes

Helpful websites or links: USAjobs: <http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/?WT.svl=navsearch>
SWAN homepage: <http://www.nature.nps.gov/im/units/swan/index.cfm>